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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This constitutes an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. The attached documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08 are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention in the patent application identified above.

REMARKS

All of the presently submitted references, i.e., Cite Nos. 1 through 3 as listed under "Foreign Patent Documents" on Form PTO/SB/08, are not in English. These references were cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart Japanese application.

Of the eight references cited in the JPO communication, Japanese Patent Application Publication Nos. 2000-137138, S61-230107, H10-062625, and the non-patent literature document entitled "Diffractive optical isolator made of high-efficiency dielectric gratings only," by T. Glaser, have already been submitted in an IDS dated August 31, 2004 in the instant case (listed by Cite Nos. F2 through F5, and O1, respectively). Because they are thus cumulative to material already made of record, the references are not being submitted here.

Concise Explanation of Relevance/Copy of Translation
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)

As a concise explanation of the relevance of the presently submitted Japanese-language references, an English translation of the Japanese Patent Office communication in its entirety is submitted herewith. The JPO communication was in Japanese Pat. App. No. 2002-363345, the foreign patent application on the basis of which priority is claimed in the present application. (A copy of the Japanese Patent Office communication in its entirety follows the English translation.)

Furthermore, English abstract of Cite No. 1 is available on the Japanese Patent Office website through Patent Abstracts of Japan (PAJ), and a copy of the corresponding abstract is attached to the back of the reference. In addition, a partial English translation of Cite No. 2 has been made available to Applicant's representative and is being submitted herewith. The English abstract being provided for Cite No. 3 is from Thomson Derwent, and is an English rendering of the US corresponding application among the patent application family. (Following the abstract from the US family member is an English abstract from a family-member EP application.)

STATEMENT AS SPECIFIED IN 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than 3 months prior to the filing of this statement.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these references, and to indicate so on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08 and make the document of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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